DOCTOR WHO ADVENTURES
COMIC
GNOME GUARD
WORDS GLENN DAKIN
ART JOHN ROSS
COLOURING ALAN CRADDOCK
THE HIDDEN GARDEN OF PLANET IROS.
DOCTOR - YOU SURPRISE ME! YOU REALLY *DID* LAND ME IN THE MOST *BEAUTIFUL* GARDEN IN THE UNIVERSE!
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? NOT *EVERYWHERE* I GO IS FULL OF -
- *DANGER!*
ALERT! GARDEN HAS BEEN *INVADED!* DESTROY ALL *WEEDS!*
ACTIVATE *PEST SPRAY!*

RUN, CLARA! TOO MUCH OF THAT SPRAY WILL POISON US!
ER, I AM NOT A WEED!
TO THEM, WE ARE!
LOOKS LIKE THE CREATORS OF THIS GARDEN LEFT THESE ROBOT GUARDIANS HERE TO PROTECT IT FROM ANY OUTSIDE INTRUSION!
THEY'RE LIKE MILITARY GARDEN GNOMES!
I HEARD THAT! WE ARE NOT GARDEN GNOMES! WE'RE COOL ROBOTS, OK?
TOP-OF-THE-RANGE!
THE DOCTOR HAS AN IDEA.
SHLORRRGG
MAYBE THIS FERTILIZER SPRAY WILL SLOW THEM DOWN!

BUT...
THAT WAS A WASTE OF FERTILIZER!
NOW YOU'VE MADE US ANGRY!
GREAT, DOCTOR – NOW WE'VE GOT COMPOST-COVERED ROBOT GNOMES AFTER US!
YOU WILL BE ERADICATED!
QUICK, CLARA! KEEP RUNNING!
IT'S ALL DRIED UP IN THIS PART OF THE GARDEN! I WONDER WHY...?
MAYBE BECAUSE THE SPRINKLER SYSTEM HAS RUSTED UP!
IF I CAN JUST FIND A WAY TO FIX IT...

NOW, WATER AND ROBOTS DON'T MIX! A QUICK SHOWER MIGHT SHORT-CIRCUIT THESE GARDEN GUARDIANS!
AND IT'LL DO THE FLOWERS SOME GOOD, TOO!
BUT...
IT ISN'T WORKING - THEY'RE WATER-PROOF!
SPLOOSH
I TOLD YOU WE WERE TOP-OF-THE-RANGE! NOW PREPARE TO -
STOP!
DON'T YOU SEE? THEY FIXED THE WATER SYSTEM - BRINGING LIFE TO THE GARDEN, NOT HARM!
SO THEY ARE A HELPFUL PRESENCE IN THE GARDEN - THEY ARE NOT WEEDS!
HONOURED GUESTS, LET US GIVE YOU A TOUR OF OUR GARDEN!
LOVELY! I JUST WISH THAT WE WERE WATERPROOF, TOO. I'M NOT SURE HOW TO TURN THE SPRINKLERS OFF!
MORE ADVENTURES NEXT TIME!